

# **EXHIBIT C**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NEETA THAKUR, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 25-cv-04737-RFL

**DECLARATION OF JASON O. DAY**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Jason O. Day, declare as follows:

1. I am employed as the Research Policy Director for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (OUSD(R&E)), Department of Defense (DoD).
2. I have held this position since January 2022.
3. In my current position, I am responsible for administering policy for assistance awards throughout DoD and its components.
4. I am aware that the Court has ordered DoD to provide readily available non-privileged documents sufficient to show (1) the policy for selecting grants for termination; (2) the overarching Executive Order(s) or directive(s) animating the termination policy; (3) the way in which the policy or overarching priority was communicated; and (4) the way in which the termination policy was implemented (e.g., keyword searches, AI tools, etc.). I

have also been informed that a declaration may be used to provide information when there are no readily available non-privileged documents.

5. In order to gather these documents, I requested information in each of the categories from the Grants Policy Directors of the DoD Components that had terminated applicable awards. I also asked OUSD(R&E) leadership for any available non-privileged documents that met the Court's request. After collecting all the responses, I attached every non-privileged document to this declaration.
6. Relevant grants were terminated in several rounds, first by OUSD(R&E) and later by DoD Components.
7. Based on my collection method and knowledge, I expect that the attached executive directives and memoranda are sufficient to show the policy for terminating grants at DoD across those rounds. I also expect that the attached executive directives and memoranda are sufficient to show the orders and directives animating the termination policy.
8. Based on my collection method and knowledge, I expect that the produced documents are sufficient to show how the policy or overarching priority was communicated at DoD.
9. Based on my collection method and knowledge, I expect that the spreadsheet with grant terminations, and other communications, is sufficient to show how the policy was implemented, including the topics used to identify terminations.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 25th day of July, 2025.

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